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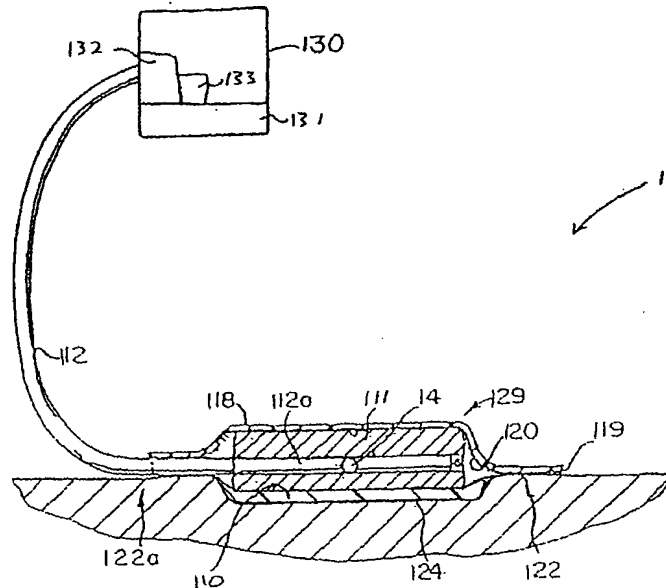
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(57) Abstract: A tissue growth apparatus (125) and method are provided for growing tissue by applying a tissue growth medium (110) to the tissue (124) and applying reduced, sub-atmospheric pressure at the growth medium (110) and the tissue (124) in a controlled manner for a selected time period. The application of reduced pressure at the growth medium (110) and tissue (124) promotes growth of the tissue within the tissue growth medium. The apparatus includes a tissue cover (118) sealed over a tissue site. The apparatus also includes a tissue growth medium (110) located beneath the tissue cover (118) and in contact with the tissue (124) to be grown. A vacuum pump (130) supplies suction within the tissue cover (118) over the tissue site to provide reduced pressure to the tissue (124) and the tissue growth medium (110).

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